BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 25, 2005

IN RE:)
JOINT PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF NEWSOUTH) DOCKET NO.
COMMUNICATIONS CORP, NUVOX COMMUNICATIONS,) 04-00046
INC., KMC TELECOM V, INC., KMC TELECOM III LLC, AND XSPEDIUS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC ON BEHALF OF ITS)
OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES XSPEDIUS MANAGEMENT CO.,)
SWITCHED SERVICES, LLC AND XSPEDIUS MANAGEMENT CO. OF CHATTANOOGA, LLC OF AN INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC.)

ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE

This matter came before the Pre-Arbitration Officer on the *Affidavit of Robert Culpepper* for Permission to Practice Pro Hac Vice filed by Robert Culpepper, attorney for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. The application was filed on January 24, 2005.

Mr. Culpepper's application states that he is licensed and in good standing in the State of South Carolina and that no disciplinary actions or investigations are pending against him. Mr. Culpepper agrees to subject himself to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") in any manner arising out of his conduct in such proceedings and agrees to be bound by the rules governing the conduct of attorneys appearing before the Authority.

This application complies with Rule 19, Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1220-1-2-04(7). Accordingly, the application by Robert Culpepper for permission to practice before the Authority in the proceedings in this matter is granted.

¹ See Rule 19, Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The application for permission to appear *pro hac vice* filed by Robert Culpepper, attorney for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., is granted.

Jean A. Stone, Counsel as Pre-Arbitration Officer